

Joan E. Ohl, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

James B. Lockhart, III, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term of six years.

Harold Daub, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for the remainder of the term expiring September 30, 2006.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Everet Beckner, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN1245 Foreign Service nominations (127) beginning Patrick C. Hughes, and ending Mason Yu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2001.

PN1246 Foreign Service nominations (159) beginning Kathleen T. Albert, FL, and ending Sunghwan Yi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2001.

PN1141-1 Foreign Service nominations (149) beginning Shaun Edward Donnelly, and ending Charles R. Wills, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2001.

NOMINATION OF MICHAEL SMITH

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I am pleased to stand before the Senate today to wholeheartedly endorse the nomination of Mike Smith to be the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy.

Mike is a red-white-and-blue American. He has an outstanding pedigree including the good common sense to come from the great State of Oklahoma. In fact, in his own words, "I was born and raised in the middle of the Oklahoma City Field and attended the only high school in the Nation with a producing oil well in the middle of the front sidewalk."

Mike then proudly donned the crimson and cream of the University of Oklahoma for 7 years while earning his undergraduate and law degrees.

Immediately thereafter, he patriotically donned Army green during the Vietnam war.

As an attorney he has represented oil and gas workers, drilling contractors, service companies, exploration firms, independents, and, ultimately, larger operators.

He knows business, too, having run a small, independent oil and gas company in central and western Oklahoma. He has served on the board of directors of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association and been its president.

Moreover, Mike Smith brings to the Department of Energy an excellent background in government service. He served on the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board, a State agency, providing environmental cleanup and public education, voluntarily funded by our State's producers and royalty owners.

Mike served under the sky blue and buckskin tan flag of Oklahoma when Gov. Frank Keating appointed him to be Oklahoma's Secretary of Energy. In that capacity Mike served my State as its official representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, the Interstate Mining Compact Commission, the Southern States Energy Board, and the Governors' Ethanol Coalition.

President Bush has assembled a banner group to assist him in running the Department of Energy, beginning with my friend and former colleague, Secretary Spence Abraham. Mike Smith is of the highest caliber and another true-blue selection by President Bush.

I am proud of my fellow Oklahoman. I am excited to work closely with him to develop our national energy policy, particularly to ensure adequate supplies of affordable and clean energy.

America's energy strengths derive from the rich natural bounty of our coal, our natural gas, and our oil, as well as from our blessed human ingenuity fostered by America's free market.

I am proud to testify to my fellow Americans that America's energy strengths will be handled with flying colors by the ingenuity of Oklahoman Mike Smith. •

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as the majority leader indicated earlier today, we have confirmed, I believe, 43 nominations including action on today's 2 judges. That is really a good piece of work for the week.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

NOMINATION OF EDWARD KINGMAN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of Edward Kingman to be Assistant Secretary of Treasury and his nomination to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Treasury; that the nomination be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; that any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD; and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination was considered and confirmed.

NOMINATIONS OF SAMUEL T. MOK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; JACK MARTIN, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; ANDREA G. BARTHWELL, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR DEMAND REDUCTION AT THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY; AND EVE SLATER, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Health Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations: Samuel T. Mok to be Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Labor; Jack Martin to be Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Education; Andrea G. Barthwell to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction at the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Eve Slater to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 3 p.m. on Monday, January 28; that following the prayer and pledge the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 622.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be no rollcall votes on Monday. Any rollcall votes will occur on Tuesday. That time will be established on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the